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State and corporate leaders to meet in El Paso for U.S.-Mexico Border Energy Forum

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AUSTIN — Top business leaders will meet with government officials from all ten border states to plan for the future during the U.S.-Mexico Border Energy Forum at the El Paso Convention Center Oct. 27-28.

This year's forum - the 18th annual - will be bigger than ever, coinciding with the Re-Energize the America's conference focusing on clean energy development for the Paso del Norte region of Texas, New Mexico, and Chihuahua.

"This forum was founded by the General Land Office in 1994 to share information about energy and environmental issues on both sides of the border," said Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson, a speaker at the forum. "The idea is to provide policy planners with the best information available so they can make wise decisions, forge partnerships and work for the region as a whole."

The U.S.-Mexico Border Energy Forum helps top leaders track developments affecting the natural gas markets, seek more interconnections for electricity and natural gas and find new partners for developing renewable resources, especially wind and solar. The Forum strives to bring all sectors to the table - local, state, and federal governments from both sides of the border, energy producers as well as industrial consumers, environmental organizations and academic researchers.

The Forum is intended to promote sensible use of energy throughout the American Southwest and northern Mexico, working together to be leaders for continental cooperation.

Among the key issues on the agenda are wind and solar power, smart grid and electric transmission, doing business in the border states, energy efficiency and water systems, financing energy projects and infrastructure, and energy security.

The forum is a non-profit event coordinated by the Texas General Land Office in collaboration with numerous public and private sector organizations. For more information on the Border Energy Forum, please visit www.borderenergyforum.org.

WHO: Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson and more than 300 energy
leaders

WHAT: 18th annual United States-Mexico Border Energy Forum

WHEN: October 27-28

WHERE: El Paso Convention Center, One Civic Center Plaza, El Paso, Texas
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